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Teamsters' Stork Has Busy Month

By STEVEN TOTH

October is baby month at Local 520. Wally Schubert, of McKeown Transfer, is the proud papa of a girl. Walter Boles, of Calumet Trucking, is celebrating his son's arrival. R. Kinker, of Calumet Trucking, is awaiting the arrival of his heir some time this month, and Jos. Steligia of the same barn threatened to shoot the stork if it doesn't get to his home soon. Jos. and his wife have made several trips to the hospital, but the doctor keeps sending them back home.

Chet Schwandt, of Calumet Trucking, and R. Shellabarger, of Lake Cities, have recovered and are back working.

Mike Stoykovich, of Kellogg Co., was badly hurt on the job. I am happy to say he is out of danger and coming along nicely. George Adams donated blood to him. Mike always was a quiet lad, but now, with George Adams' blood in him, I suppose he will never stop gabbing about his truck and the Good Black Dirt he has for sale. George says it's good Dirt!

Glad to hear that W. Chapman's son is recovering from an attack of polio.

Which reminds me to ask: Have you donated to the Community Chest? If not, DO SO!

Roosevelt Cartage has moved into East Chicago.

McKeown contract has been signed and you boys can expect back pay within a month.

All Officers of Local 759 Are Elected Unanimously With Membership Operation

World's Champ. Truck Driver For Five Years Still Places

Charles (Chuck) Goins of Trucking, Inc., Indianapolis, and a member of Teamsters Local 135, was pictured in the Indianapolis Star recently as winning second place in the national truck road-co, held by the American Trucking Associations, Inc., in Burnham Park, Chicago. Goins, who was crowned champion truck driver of the U. S. in New York City five years ago, lost the title to Alex Adamski of Chicago.



—Indianapolis Star Photo.

Intl. Office Thanked for Cooperation

Head of Kokomo Teamsters Tells How Union Has Been Turned Back from Trusteeship

By O. B. CHAMBERS

Kokomo — Local Union No. 759 is happy to report that after having been in International trusteeship it now has been turned back to the membership for operation.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank both Brothers Thomas Flynn and Norman Murrin and the International Office for the help we have received from them during this period of time.

Also our thanks to the men serving in office of Local 759 for their efforts in bringing about the healthy condition we have at present, both moral and financial.

We wish to thank the membership of Local 759 for the courtesy and faith they have shown the officers and Executive Board and for the backing given to the officers and board, as seen by the actions of the membership in the recent nomination and election of officers.

All Officers Retained

The membership by acclamation elected back to office all (Continued on Page 3)

RICHMOND LOCAL GETS NEW MEMBERS

By JAMES K. KATZ

All Rex drivers at Connersville have transferred from the Federal Union to Local 691, and are now working for more pay and under better conditions, under a new contract just negotiated with the company.

All construction drivers in Richmond, Aurora, Lawrenceburg and Connersville are affected by a new yearly contract, just signed, granting increased wages.

Schenley Distillery Corp. garage helpers in Lawrenceburg have received pay increase of 18½ cents an hour by a new contract, which is retroactive to June 16.

We are negotiating for the Schenley drivers in Lawrenceburg who have been offered 15-cents-an-hour increase.

Plant drivers for Seagram's in Lawrenceburg, as well as Louisville, Ky. and Baltimore, Md. are receiving 15 cents an hour more pay now, by a new blanket agreement.

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Drivers Council to Work For Passage of Two Bills

Indiana State Drivers' Council

cil will work to promote passage by the next Legislature of two bills designed to aid Teamsters and trucking generally in this state.

The two bills were unanimously endorsed in resolutions adopted by the recent annual convention of the Indiana State Federation of Labor.

Next step toward having them passed as amendments to the Motor Vehicle Law was taken at the October meeting of the Drivers' Council, when President Steven Toth appointed a committee to consult with motor vehicle and highway officials so that the bills can be properly presented to the next Legislature.

The committee is composed of Emmett J. Williams, C. B. Chambers, C. E. Davis, Walter E. Biggs and Pat Hess.

One of the proposed amendments would require all trucks licensed to operate on state highways to bear the "owner's name, address and city on both sides of the trucks in letters large enough to be visible for a reasonable distance, not less than four inches in height, before license plates are issued to said owner."

The other amendment would provide for the issuing of two licenses to truck drivers—an operator's license and a chauffeur's license—so that in case "the operator's license is revoked the chauffeur will be able to continue his truck driving for his livelihood."

S.W. Helton Trustee Of Drivers Council

S. W. Helton, business representative of Teamsters Local 543, Lafayette, was appointed at the meeting October 18 of the Indiana State Drivers' Council to serve as trustee of the Council for the unexpired term made vacant by the resignation of Michael C. Granat.

Appointment was made by Steven Toth, Council president. Mr. Granat, as previously explained, has left the labor movement to enter business for himself.

IMPORTANT MEETING

All local members of Joint Council 69 are herewith notified that new officers of the Joint Council will be nominated at the next regular meeting, November 15.

Teamsters Local 135 Wins Shop Election at Linde Air

Teamsters Local 135, Indianapolis, headed by Emmett J. Williams, on October 1 won an NLRB election as bargaining agent for all plant employees of the Linde Air Products Co. The vote was practically unanimous.

Contract negotiations with the company were started October 23, the union being represented by Williams and Robert McClain.

Negotiations followed filing of a strike notice, October 14 by the union.

Local 135 now is dealing collectively with Ziffrin Truck Lines, Inc., Indianapolis looking toward a contract covering all garage employees of the company.

Ziffrin was served with a strike notice filed by the union on October 7.

A new contract for wages

ANOTHER TEAMSTER?

MICHIGAN CITY—A new boy arrived at the Clinic hospital here for the John Senters.

The youngster came into the world October 21. His mom is doing fine. His pop is a teamster—Local 289, Michigan City.

and working conditions covering tank wagon drivers employed by the Petroleum Haulers, Inc. at Zionsville is sought in negotiations now being conducted with the company by Local 135, represented by Williams and McClain.

Taximen Win Muncie Strike

MUNCIE — D. E. Mahoney, head of Teamsters Union No. 369 here, has reached an agreement with three taxicab companies, which will give increased pay to 100 drivers and taxicab service men.

Increase for drivers is being determined by rezoning the city to provide higher fares for trips to the outskirts, the new rates being established by a committee of union representatives and operators.

Service men received a substantial increase.

The agreement ended a three-day walkout by the hackman against the three companies, Ray Cab Co., Veterans' Cab Co., Inc. and Craig Cab Co.

Union Label Exhibition

The AFL Union Label and Industrial Exhibition being held in the Municipal Auditorium in St. Louis beginning October 29 is more than the ordinary merchandising show of material products. Union Labels, Shop Cards, Service Buttons and other union emblems represent the human values—the workers who make Union Label products and perform union services.

The union worker, the Auxiliary member, the union manufacturer, and the fair merchandiser all stand behind every product displayed and service demonstrated at a Union Label and Industrial Exhibition.

All these groups desire economic stability in America. They want peacetime prosperity. They can secure these aims and more by carrying out the best recovery plan ever submitted to the American people, which is buying Union Label goods and patronizing union services.

The Union Label is the best insurance of the quality and workmanship. It is the only guarantee that products are made in America. The Shop Card and Service Button give best assurance that services are performed by skilled union members of AFL unions.

Patronizing manufacturers and merchandisers who display these official AFL union insignia is the best way to maintain full employment—at high wages—which means a higher standard of living for all Americans.

Many unions have increased their membership by adopting a Union Label, Shop Card, or Service Button—then following up by publicizing their emblems and promoting the sales of the products or services upon which it appears. It is a symbol of cooperation between workers and management.

This Union Label and Industrial Exhibition is the best kind of good-will-building event for organized labor. Thousands of eager representatives of the most compact purchasing market on earth, composed of more than 10,000,000 members of the AFL and the AFWAL—who, together with the members of their families, form a vast army of 35,000,000 consumers with a total buying power of at least thirty-five billions of union-earned dollars.

Each one is a loyal, union-conscious person and a regular customer for the union manufacturer exhibiting his wares in this mammoth display. The program and exhibits are educational and inspiring.

Meeting Nights—When and Where

(Notice to Business Representatives: Send in a schedule of your meetings and it will be given space in this permanent column.)

LOCAL NO. 143—23 West North St., Indianapolis.

Executive Board, 2nd Wednesday of month, 4 p. m.
Wholesale Bread, 1st Tuesday of month, 4 p. m.
Wholesale Cake, Cracker and Pie, 1st Tuesday of month, 7 p. m.
Kraft Foods, Inc., Blue Valley Creamery and Purity Foods, Inc., 3rd Tuesday of month, 7:30 p. m.
Dairy employees, 3rd Wednesday of month, 7:30 p. m.
Retail Bread, 3rd Thursday of month, 7:30 p. m.
Wadley Co., last Tuesday of month, 5:30 p. m.
General Meeting for all crafts, 1st Tuesday of March, September and December, 8 p. m.
No meetings through June, July and August.

LOCAL NO. 193—28 West North St., Indianapolis.

Executive Board, 2nd Friday of month, 7 p. m.
General Meeting, 2nd Friday of month, 8 p. m.

LOCAL NO. 233—28 West North St., Indianapolis.

All Members, 1st Wednesday of month, 8 p. m.

LOCAL NO. 543—Lafayette—103 North Sixth St., 3rd Monday of month, 7:30 p. m.

Frankfort—Labor Temple, last Saturday of month, 7:30 p. m.
Goodland—Library, last Wednesday of month, 7:30 p. m.
Dairy Employees—Fourth and Columbia Sts., 3rd Tuesday of month, 7:30 p. m.
Ice and Coal—103 North Sixth St., 2nd Friday of month, 7:30 p. m.

LOCAL NO. 691—Richmond-Eagles Annex, 2nd Sunday of month, 10 a. m.

Lawrenceburg—Noppert's Hall, 1st Friday of month, 7 p. m.
Connersville—AFL Hall, Bread Drivers, 1st Monday of month, 7 p. m.
Rex and Bundzandall Drivers, last Saturday of month, 2:30 p. m.

LOCAL NO. 714—28 West North St., Indianapolis.

Ready Mixed Concrete, 1st Monday of month, 8 p. m.
Amer. Aggregates, 1st Tuesday of month, 8 p. m.
Private Owners, 1st Wednesday of month, 8 p. m.
Electric Cos., 2nd Monday of month, 8 p. m.
Glass Cos., 2nd Tuesday of month, 8 p. m.
Ice and Coal, 3rd Tuesday of month, 8 p. m.
Gen. Contractors Employees and general meeting, last Wednesday of month, 8 p. m.
Executive Board and Stewards, last Sunday of month, 10 a. m.

LOCAL NO. 739—Labor Temple 512 East Sycamore St., Kokomo. Regular meeting, 1st Saturday of month, 8 p. m.

WORLD FOOD SUPPLIES will continue to be uncomfortably low even if the recent turn for the better in prospects for wheat production carries through to harvest time.

While the present outlook is for somewhat larger food crops this year than last, world production will still be below the prewar average. Also, carry-over stocks of food, particularly bread grains, have been sharply reduced below normal. On July 1, supplies of wheat in the principal export countries were 400,000 to 500,000 million bushels below a year ago.



At the Teamsters' banquet the representatives of three locals got together (left to right): Charles Miller, Local 417, Vincennes; Frank Blice, 417; Silas W. Helton, 543, Lafayette; Harry Tippet, 543; John Mofield, Local 369, Muncie; Willis Thomas, 369; Marlin Beaman, 417, and Otis Rodarmel, 417 (center foreground).

Increase of Paralysis Demands 'March of Dimes' in Indiana

The National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis has distributed more than \$3,569,000 in polio epidemic areas of the U. S. this year—the greatest amount in the history of the organization, according to Miss Betty Malinka, state representative of the foundation.

In Indiana, where no outbreaks of epidemic proportions occurred, the number of reported cases up to mid-October was 284, or 43 per cent more than in 1945, Miss Malinka said.

Local chapters in each of Indiana's 92 counties will conduct their annual "March of Dimes" appeals for funds January 15 to 30 to replenish chapter treasuries the campaign concluding as usual on the birthday of the late President Roosevelt, founder of the National Foundation.

Half of the funds raised in each county is retained for local use to aid polio victims. The other half goes to the national organization to carry on an extensive research program, promote education of specialists in polio treatment and provide financial aid to any area

where local funds are insufficient to care for infantile paralysis victims.

The worst epidemic of 1946 has been centered in Minnesota, where more than 2,700 cases of polio were reported and the National Foundation already has supplied emergency funds amounting to more than \$900,000.

Jasper, Lake, Tippecanoe and St. Joseph Counties have suffered most in Indiana this year.

News Notes From 543, LaFayette

By S. W. HELTON

Neal Gipson, long a member of Local 543, met his death September 2 in an accident on road 24, near Huntington, Ind. Neal drove for the Russell Davis Excavating Co. since they started business, and was a good teamster in every respect. His absence will be very noticeable to the entire membership of Local 543. We extend our sympathy to his family.

Wayne Anstead is another employee of the Sunshine Farms to purchase a home recently.

The 1946 State Convention is past history, and we wish to thank the Committee on Arrangements for the fine banquet and floor show for the entertainment of visiting teamsters. Also for the refreshments!

We would like to know from "Curly" Lock of Frankfort, how it is possible in going from the Washington Hotel to the Claypool, to be in fourteen cabs, and yet have to walk two blocks. We suppose that is what caused the blister on his foot.

Wilbur Scheirer, of Frankfort, has sold his half interest in the Frankfort Ready Mix Co. to Kluth and Gustaf, two young ex-servicemen. We know the new partnership will be a pleasure to Colonel Paddock the other partner, and we wish them all success.

Fay Meneely and "Nig" Moser, on vacation, caught an eight pound catfish. The boys took so many pictures of the fish that it died of exposure.

We have completed negotiations with the lumber dealers for a new contract granting increased rates, etc.

We have started to negotiate a new contract with the Sunshine Farms Dairy with the first meeting October 29.

We finally received a Wage Adjustment Board decision on our Building Construction agreement. They failed to grant our full increase as requested. It is being appealed.

HEARD AND SEEN AT 7/16

By J. E. DEETS

We were glad to withdraw our pickets from the warehouse and supply depot of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. in South State St., Indianapolis, indicating an agreement had been reached with the company on October 23. All inside workers are now organized and we are negotiating a contract for them, which will be retroactive to the date of NLRB certification by cross check.

All drivers, helpers and warehousemen of the Cleveland Wrecking Co. who walked out October 17, returned a week later, when the company agreed to their demands for increased pay and union recognition of this local.

A shop election will be held in the near future at the Indianapolis plant of the Crane Co., plumbing supplies, whose 27 employees have signed applications for membership in this union.

The Barnett Bottle Co., Indianapolis and Local 716 have come to terms on the union's proposed agreement, and a contract will be in effect in a few days.

The new wage scale of 76 employees of two Ready Mixed concrete companies in Indianapolis will go into effect November 1, giving the members of Local 193 15 cents an hour more pay.

Negotiations have begun with the Contractors' Association looking toward an agreement for 200 members of this local, to replace their contract which expires December 31.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACTS OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912, AND MARCH 3, 1933

Of The Indiana Teamster, published monthly at 28 W. North St., Indianapolis, Indiana, for October, 1946.

State of Indiana, County of Marion, ss:

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Scott Armstrong, who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Editor of The Indiana Teamster, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, as amended by the Act of March 3, 1933, embodied in section 537, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

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SCOTT ARMSTRONG

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of October, 1946.

HENKEY ORR.

(My commission expires June 21, 1949.)

UNION LABEL WEEK

ST. LOUIS—Mayor A. P. Kaufmann, of St. Louis has issued an inspiring proclamation declaring the period of October 29 to November 3, 1946, as "Union Labor Week."

Mayor Kaufmann is keenly interested in the success of the AFL Union Label and Industrial Exhibition.

A quarter million trade unionists and friends, as well as consumers generally, from all sections of America will see Union Labor's big show October 29 to November 3.

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Attending the Teamsters' banquet and sitting at the table (left to right) are Mrs. John Acker, Mrs. Charles W. Kern, Mrs. Nelson Wooten, Nelson Wooten, trustee of Local 135; Mrs. Ethel Clegg, L. A. Blum, 135; Mrs. Hugh Gormley and Mrs. Magenheimer, wife of Sheriff Al Magenheimer (picture in October issue).

Officers of Teamsters No. 759 Retained for Local Operation

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Officers of Local 759 as follows:

President—Lee Lantz, 280 North Duke St., Peru.

Vice-President—William Thomas, 400 Washington St., Logansport.

Secretary-Treasurer—O. B. Chambers, 743 South Webster St., Kokomo.

Recording Secretary—Lloyd Dice, 474 West 3rd St., Peru.

Conductor—John Burgan, appointed by chair, R. R. 4, Peru.

Warden—William Pendergrass, appointed by chair, R. R. 5, Kokomo.

Trustee—Russell Arthur, 1025 South Ohio, Kokomo.

Trustee—McClelland Mullins, 1216 East Murden, Kokomo.

Trustee—Tom Tobin, 1357 James St., Wabash.

Business Agent—O. B. Chambers, 743 South Webster St., Kokomo.

Important Business Meeting

The next regular meeting of Local 759 will be held at 8 p. m. November 2, 512 East Sycamore St., at the Labor Temple. At this time we would like a good attendance. We are in negotiations on the Over-the-road contract and also have our City Freight and City Coal contract, which will be open the first of January.

Many important things are coming up, and every member should make an effort to attend regular meetings, which are held the first Saturday night of each month.

Raise for Simons' Workers

We are glad to report that the Simons Wholesale Grocery contract has been settled to the satisfaction of all concerned, with a nice substantial increase for all members in pay rates and with a new clause added that all holidays are counted as time worked in computing overtime at the end of the week.

Strike Notice Served

We have served notice through the Smith-Connally Act on the Logansport Transit Mix, Central Transit Mix and the Kokomo Ready Mix, and have been negotiating a contract with these people, which is up November 1. U. S. Conciliator Engles has been appointed to the case.

At this writing it looks as though this contract will be settled in the near future, without any trouble, as both parties are practically in agreement on all clauses.

Cenrasco Contract Open

We also have our contract open with the Cenrasco Mfg. Co. the original Victory Ordnance Co. at Peru. This contract expires November 30.

Over-the-Road Contract

The Over-the-Road Motor Freight contract, covering over-the-road drivers is open, and these companies have been served a Smith-Connally notice, through our Central States Drivers' Council.

We are preparing to hold meetings with the city freight drivers and city coal truck drivers in order to prepare for negotiations on these contracts.

We are still making efforts to organize the milk drivers, and we ask all of our members to demand

the union book and button when buying milk, also when buying gasoline or bread.

Harold Jackson Back

We are glad to report Harold Jackson has returned from foreign service in the Army, all in one piece, and has picked up his card and gone back to work for the Reith-Riley Construction Co.

Kokomo Cement Unfair

Kokomo Cement Products Co., Inc. is still on the unfair list of Local 759. It has also been placed on the unfair list of the Kokomo Building Trades. These people are makers of cement blocks.

Coon hunter, Bob Doak, is being kept very busy as he has the hounds running every night.

When buying service ask for Union book and button.

Strike Notices Filed Against 15 Barnes

Teamsters Local 135 has filed NLRB strike notices against 15 concerns in Indianapolis, demanding new contracts covering wages, hours, vacations and other union conditions for its members employed by these companies:

Dr. Pepper Bottling Co., 1302 East Washington St.

Trimble Corners, 302 North Meridian; 442 North West St.

Central Truckaway, 1225 East Washington St.

Refiners Transport Inc., Lafayette Rd.

Linde Air Products Co., 729 North Pennsylvania St.; 2919 Roosevelt Rd. and Speedway.

Clemens Truck Line, Inc., 501 South West St.

Ziffin Truck Lines Inc., 1120 Division St.

Transamerican Freight Lines, Inc., 1456 East 19th St.

Bowser Truck Line, 618 West Merrill St.

Central Transfer & Storage, 113 South Alabama St., 624 West New York St.

Huber & Huber Motor Express, Inc., 243 West Merrill St.

Bornman Transfer Co., 3721 East 10th St.

Overland Freight Lines, Inc., 1118 West Morris St.

Moran Freight Co., 1027 East Georgia St.

LeCrone Benedict Ways, Inc., 430 Kentucky Ave.

Biggest In World

With a membership of 866,820, largest in history, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters now is "unchallenged" according to Daniel J. Tobin, president.

Convention Pictures

Original copies of pictures made at the recent Teamsters' banquet and published in this and the last issue of this paper may be obtained by writing to the Wm. H. Bass Photo Co., 308 South New Jersey St., Indianapolis, or to the editor of this paper, at 28 West North St., Indianapolis. Send clipping from this paper of pictures desired. Price: 50 cents per photo.

AFL CONVENTION UPS PER CAPITA TAX

CHICAGO—An increase in the per capita tax paid by affiliated unions to the American Federation of Labor was approved here by the federation's 65th annual convention.

This increase is calculated to add \$320,000 to the AFL treasury annually. Unions have been paying 1 1/2 cents per member per month to the AFL on the first 300,000 members and 1 cent per month in excess of 300,000.

The constitutional change finally adopted provides a tax of 2 cents per member per month up to 200,000 members and 1 1/2 cents per member per month in excess of 200,000.

Spokesmen for some of the smaller unions protested that the proposed change would favor the large unions. Heads of the large unions replied that some of the smaller unions have been assisted financially by the AFL above and beyond their dues payments.

William Green was re-elected president after having been nominated by John O'Leary, vice-president of the United Mine Workers of America. He has been president since 1924. In thanking the delegates he predicted that by 1948 the AFL would have a membership of 10,000,000 as against 7,100,000 at the present time.

Secretary-Treasurer George Meany was also re-elected, as were the 13 vice-presidents, including Daniel J. Tobin, of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. San Francisco was chosen as the convention city for 1947.

The 600 delegates adopted a resolution making the 30-hour week one of labor's "main objectives." All trade unions were urged, "at the earliest opportunity," to seek provisions in their contracts establishing the shorter workweek.

Such a reduced week, without loss of earnings, will become all the more necessary to absorb the unemployed after the present "industrial boom" is over and to furnish jobs for all ex-service-men, the resolution pointed out.

Other key decisions at the convention included the formulation of a program to fight enactment of anti-labor legislation in the states and Congress, and to resist the revival of "injunction mills" in the courts.

"Government by Injunction" Hit

On the latter point the convention noted with alarm a growing number of injunctions in labor disputes handed down by state courts during the past year. Local unions were advised to notify the Federation promptly when such injunctions are issued so that they may be appealed to higher courts.

This must be done, Federation

Richmond Local 691 Says Hello

By JAMES R. RATZ

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Members of our local who have returned from service and are back on the job include: Charles Feaster, Richard Pence, Clyde Banes, Glen Crawford and Gene Harner, all of Richmond, and William Bunburg and Marvin Spielman of Lawrenceburg.

We have obtained a 16-cents-an-hour increase for C & D Motor Delivery employees at Connersville.

We have won bargaining rights for Crosley drivers in Richmond, recently transferred from IBEW Local 1127 to Teamsters Local 691.

All construction work of this local has been turned over to James H. Steward, of Richmond, assistant business representative.

Local 691 has started to organize the Richmond Baking Co. drivers. Members! Look for the union label on all bread you buy. Omar, Colonial and Wonder Bread are right. Be sure the bread you buy is right!

And members! You must attend your union meetings if you want this local to produce 100 per cent. It is your union and can be only as good as you yourself make it. Your business representatives can perform, but they alone can't perform miracles. You'll find a schedule of meeting dates elsewhere in this paper. Get the date of your meeting, and be there!

Truckers Seek End Of False Billings

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24—A concerted drive to end misdescription of freight shipments—a major wartime problem that still is giving some shippers a competitive advantage and causing heavy revenue losses to the carriers—was announced today by the National Classification Board of the American Trucking Associations.

Working in cooperation with weighing and inspection bureaus throughout the country, the Board will seek to cut the frequency with which shippers, including the federal government, are describing commodities improperly, often through inadvertence or lack of technical knowledge of the commodity involved. The result, in many cases, is a lower rate than the one that legally should be applied.

W. L. Yigling, member of the Board, said motor carriers, as well as other transportation agencies, are losing millions of dollars annually because of improper classification of freight. In addition, he said shippers themselves gain a competitive advantage and in some instances probably violate the Bills of Lading Act.

New Booklet on Wage Differentials Is Free

An 80-page booklet of geographic wage differentials covering key occupations in more than 30 industries and groups of industries for the years 1945-46 may be obtained free by writing to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 312, 226 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

Tables, arranged in loose-leaf form for ready reference give straight-time average hourly earnings for key occupations.

These industries are included in the study: Apparel, chemicals, clay products, food products, furniture, leather, lumber and basic timber products, metalworking, paper and pulp, personal services, retail trade, textile mills, tobacco and utilities.

Heavy Haulers Signed

Twelve heavy hauling firms in Indianapolis have signed new agreements with Teamsters Local 135, making the companies 100 per cent organized.

leaders declared, to prevent "the return of that evil institution—government by injunction."

Taximen Want Gonas Elected—Morehouse



Otto L. Morehouse, business agent of the South Bend Taxi Drivers' Local 141, has been with them since the local was formed and he is a charter member.

There have been some tough times, he recalls, but the local has grown steadily until it has passed the hundred mark. And wages for the drivers have advanced just as steadily.

Their first contract, prepared by Congressman Robert Grant who was their attorney, gave the drivers a guarantee of seven dollars and fifty cents for seven twelve-hour days.

The new contract, taking effect Oct. 15, and prepared by Mr. Morehouse and the Executive Board, gives the drivers a guarantee of \$36.00 for six ten-hour days and a commission of 45 per cent plus two per cent vacation pay for all men of two or more years' service.

This new contract was negotiated in the shortest time of any previous contracts, thanks to fine Executive Board and some reasonable operators.

One meeting and it was all over.

Other officers of Taxi Drivers Local 141 are Rudy Cramer, president; George Buscis, vice-president; Alfred Brown, secretary-treasurer and Walter Sepenak, Wilbur Zellers and Andrew Ruch, trustees.

All Out for Gonas

Mr. Morehouse is spending his time now assisting Senator John S. Gonas to be elected congressman from the Third Indiana District. He is interested in electing Gonas to Congress because of the splendid labor record Gonas has made as a member of the Indiana House of Representatives and Senate.

Mr. Morehouse believes that Gonas will represent and work for the interest of labor and that his election this year is important if labor is to retain the gains made during the past 12 years under the administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

AUTO OUTPUT AT RECORD

DETROIT, Mich.—During the third week of October an all-time high in passenger car production by General Motors in the United States was reached, bringing a new high postwar total of 25,283 automobiles manufactured. The previous high figure of 27,540 was reported for the preceding week.



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AERO MAYFLOWER DOINGS

By CHARLES L. ESKEW

Mel Atkins has just obtained a new contract for the Mayflower shop, and the 104 garage mechanics received substantial pay increases and improved working conditions. The agreement is retroactive as of October 14 to August 18. Committeemen who worked with Boss Atkins on the contract were Joseph W. Tracey, William Marsischki, L. S. Weisenberger, C. H. Newkirk and G. B. Bright.

Aero Mayflower Transit Co. of Indianapolis has just completed a five-truck cartage of furniture from South Bend to Los Angeles, for Mr. Hoffman of the Studebaker Corp., who is reportedly going to live part time, at least, in the sunny state.

Oh yes, Boys! Sparks was in town the other day, so you can figure things out for yourself.

Committeemen representing Local No. 193 employees at the Aero Mayflower Transit Co. have just completed drafting a new agreement for the year 1947, which they believe will be in line with the majority of the membership's desires.

It is necessary that each Union Member contact one of the five committeemen at the earliest convenience in order that they will know the contents of the agreement and have the opportunity of passing approval.

The agreement accepted by the membership will be proposed to the Company the latter part of December for negotiations, with expectations of completing the signed agreement by January 8, 1947.

The Committeemen are:

Name	Truck No.
W. John	771-772
C. McKinnon	203-204
B. Dole	787-788
D. Owens	189-190
C. Eskew	Shop Steward

We regret to report the untimely death of our fellow member, Frank W. Walters, a Mayflower driver of Dale, Ind. Brother Walters was 29 years of age, and married. His funeral, October 24 at Dale, was attended by Clayton Sparks, Donald Ledbetter and Charles L. Eskew, representing Local 193 and the Aero Mayflower Transit Co. and acting as pall bearers.

Say, you fellows might ask John Mikels about the phone call he put through to Indianapolis from away down south.

21 Hoosier Vets Caught Cheating In Claims for Unemployment Pay

INDIANAPOLIS — Twenty-one Indiana veterans have been caught cheating in their claims for unemployment compensation within the last few months, and have lost their benefit rights at the Employment Security Division, besides incurring liability of prosecution by the federal government.

Sixteen of the cases, discovered during July, August and September have been turned over to the U. S. District Attorney for prosecution, by Noble R. Shaw, director of the division.

Penalty for conviction is up to \$1,000 fine and/or jail for up to a year.

Mr. Shaw said that each Hoosier veteran who claims an allowance is reminded each week that he must report any wages he has earned and that the law provides penalties for claiming dishonestly.

Had to Pay It Back

However, despite these weekly warnings, the 21 veterans made fraudulent claims, and therefore were required to refund, by repayments from \$20 to \$360, a total of \$3,230 in allowances received dishonestly.

In each case, the veteran's remaining unemployment allowance rights were wiped out, under a specific provision of the federal

law. These future rights totaled \$15,380.

Concealed Their Earnings

A majority of those who lost their future allowance rights were charged with failure to report earnings and drew benefits to which they were not entitled. A few attempted to draw educational and readjustment allowances simultaneously, an offense strictly in violation of the law.

Mr. Shaw said that if veterans will answer truthfully all questions pertaining to their various claims, they can avoid cheating themselves out of their benefits.

He pointed out, however, that the 21 cheaters were only a small handful of Indiana veterans claiming readjustment allowances.

Teamster Succumbs To Service Illness

Officers and members of Teamsters' Local 363, Hammond, were saddened by the recent death of Harold Bowman, Jr., who died of an ailment contracted while in uniformed service.

Harold was a son of Harold Bowman, a trustee of Local 362 and was himself a member of the union, having been employed at the Saschel Bros. Wholesale Grocery Co. in Hammond.

By SAMMY SHAFFMAN

New Orleans, La.—There's a lot of beefing going around, both pro and con, about a possible raise in drivers' salaries come the drawing of the new contract for 1947.

Well, it sure will help both the company and the employees. The major part of the drivers' organization will take on new life and become more productive, thus netting a bigger take for Aero Mayflower; and, too, will lessen the woe of the "chisel" department.

An enthusiastic and vociferous cheer for Clarence McKinnon, who's always in there pitching for the drivers' benefit! And a darn ringing round of applause for Chas. Eskew, who's ever trying his best!

The "Romance Dept." his rumors flying about two West Coast Romeos who are in the everlasting throes of a double merger with two Los Angeles belles! I wonder who they are?

Come next issue with loads of news and "tummy laughs"—Bye now!

ISFL President



Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mullen at the Teamsters' annual banquet, September 19.

Local 193 Signs 3 New Companies

Teamsters Local 193, Indianapolis, headed by M. R. Atkins, has added to its membership the employees of three new transfer companies.

The new companies are Edward Hall Transfer Co., 22 North West St., Stacy Transfer, 1767 Boulevard Pl. and Alva E. Whitaker, Moving and Storage Co. The employers of these companies have signed city agreements.

In Business for Self

Glenn Miller has submitted his resignation as shop steward of Teamsters Union 193, Indianapolis, for the Pearson Furniture Co. employees.

Glenn is venturing into the photo business for himself. Good luck, Glenn!



Robert Terry, recording secretary of Teamsters Local 193, and Thomas Helm, recording secretary of Teamsters Local 135, are shown at the Teamsters' annual banquet at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, September 19, with their wives, Mrs. Helm and Mrs. Terry (extreme right).

Standard Signs With Local 233 For 50 Employees

Teamsters Local 233, Indianapolis has obtained a new contract for 50 Standard Grocery Co. drivers, helpers and warehousemen, with substantial wage increase, effective October 15.

The new contract gives the workers two weeks' vacation after three years' employment, instead of five years as was formerly.

President Leo Bauer was assisted in negotiations for the union by Ed Carlson and a committee comprising Fletcher Bendler, Forest DePhue and Charles Edward Warshaw.

White River Gives Raise to Local 369

By D. E. MAHONEY

After four meetings with the White River Tobacco & Candy Co. we were able to sign an agreement covering driver-salesmen, salesmen, warehousemen, checkers and deliverymen. A nice wage increase was granted, along with sick leave and vacations with pay.

The drivers at the Marion Pure Milk are organized 100 per cent and negotiations covering an agreement for said employees, will start at a very early date.

MEMBERS, DO NOT FORGET TO PATRONIZE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR LOCALITY: OMAR BAKERY, SINGER'S BAKERY, COLONIAL BAKING CO., DR. PEPPER BOTTLING CO., MIDWEST TOWEL & LINEN CO., DEER CREEK DAIRY AND THE MARION PURE MILK. ALL ARE 100 PER CENT ORGANIZED.

The two wholesale bakeries of Muncie, Singer's Bakery and Colonial Baking Co., have signed a wage agreement for another year, granting a nice increase for employees.

During the month of September four of our members were taken from us due to death. Our deepest sympathy goes to the families of Merrill Phillips, Gas City; Merrill Harmon, Marion; Edward Thornburg, Pennville, and James Mitchell, Muncie. Brother Phillips worked for the Harwood Trucking Co., Brother Harmon worked for the McClain Dray Lines, Brother Thornburg worked for the Craig Trucking and Brother Mitchell worked for the Beatrice Creamery Co.

Negotiations on agreement covering drivers at the Naas Canning Co., of Portland, will be completed in the very near future.

Leslie White Dies In Michigan City

MICHIGAN CITY—Members of Teamster Local 298 were saddened to learn of the death of Leslie White, 38, an employee of the Hoosier Ice and Coal Co.

Mr. White died after an illness of several months. He is survived by his wife, to whom friends and fellow unionists of the deceased extend sympathies.

UP-TO-DATE WITH NO. 188

By SWEDE WAELCHTER

"If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat."



We wish to state that the Kraft Cheese contract has been signed, with a 10-cent-an-hour increase for all employees.

New contracts to open are Blue Valley Creamery, Kroger Dairy, all cracker companies and Wadley Co.

Do you wear your button and carry your book? Does your business agent wear his button? I do! Ha!

The Borden Co. has just bought the Weber Milk Co. and we wish to announce (happily) that all the sales drivers have signed up with our local.

We appeal to all members of Local 188 and all teamster locals in this vicinity to check your milk man for his book and button. Demand that he be a union milk man.

Pat Griswold of Purity Foods, Inc. is our new steward, replacing Paul Bradshaw, who has been promoted to supervisor.

Jess Adams, who handles row upon row of milk cans brought in daily by milk haulers from various producers in this vicinity, has completed 25 years' service with Borden's Capitol Dairies. Experience has made Jess able to handle about 750 cans an hour, or 80,000 to 100,000 pounds of milk a day. He first joined the company as a milk dumper on September 1, 1921. He has been a solid member of Local 188 since the first contract. Good luck to you, Jess, in your next 25 years!

Fremont Hutchens, who used to be steward for Grennan Cake, has left the company and now owns a grocery store at 1027 Westbrook Street—that's about 4600 West. Lots and lots of good luck to you, Hutch! We're surely going to miss you around 188.

Virginia: "I'm looking for something particularly nice for a young man."

Colonial Salesman: "Have you looked in the mirror?"

A sailor, after placing some flowers on a grave in a cemetery, noticed an old Chinaman placing a bowl of rice on a nearby grave and cynically asked, "What time do you expect your friend to come up and eat rice?" The Chinaman replied with a smile, "Same time your friend come up to smell flowers."

How about some news from you out-of-town stewards!

HAVE IT DELIVERED UNION.

See ATA for Deferment

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 5—American Trucking Associations has been authorized by ODT to receive and check forms submitted by motor carriers of property seeking deferment of key employees from military service.

Muncie and Clinton Representatives at Banquet



At this table, attending the Teamsters' annual banquet at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, September 19, sat (left to right) Charles Holliday and Eddie Smith, of Local 369, Muncie, and Ed Dirker, Harry Crosley and Ray Bybee, of Local 73, Clinton.